[Mr. S. Paramesvara Aiyar.]

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The member is referred to the budget estimate. The figures given therein against Anchal charges for each department represent the value of Service Anchal stamps allowed for the department.

(*b*) Each office purchases the stamps from treasuries according to requirements. If the value of the stamps purchased in any year is below the allotment provided for the purpose, the balance lapses to Government. Registers have to be maintained in all offices for the stock and issue of stamps. Controlling officers are expected to check these registers and the balance stock at their inspection of offices.

MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I know whether these controlling officers actually check these registers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): They are expected to.

MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): That is right. Whether they actually check is the question.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Government have no information. I may say that auditing is done by the Outside Audit Department.

Paddy Farm at Tiruppatisaram.

141. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the expenditure incurred during 1097 on account of the maintenance of the paddy farm, Nagercoil (Tiruppatisaram); and

(*b*) the expenditure incurred during 1097 on account of (1) establishment charges and (2) contingencies in that institution?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Rs. 11,497.

(*b*) (1) Establishment charges in 1097 ... Rs. 2,484.
(2) Contingencies in 1097 ... Rs. 9,013.

This includes capital expenditure amounting to Rs. 3,345 on account of the construction of buildings.

Grants to Reading Rooms and Libraries.

142. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the names of libraries and reading rooms to which grants-in-aid have been sanctioned and the amount proposed to be given in each case for the year 1098?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The statement * asked for by the member is laid on the table.

* *Vide* Appendix—page 590.

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